



Commonwealth of Virginia

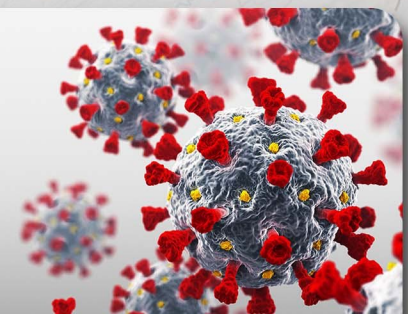
Governor's Cabinet Emergency Management

2022



"The Commonwealth is susceptible to a wide range of natural or human caused events which may have catastrophic impacts." *Virginia Emergency Support Team*

2021...



MISSION STATEMENT

It is the responsibility of Commonwealth Government to provide for the safety and well-being of Commonwealth citizens and ensure the continuity of Commonwealth government operations, including the delivery of essential government services during a disaster. The Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan (COVEOP) assigns specific responsibilities to agencies and offices to ensure the Commonwealth is able to meet this responsibility. Commonwealth agencies and institutions of higher education (IHEs) must be prepared to implement their own agency's emergency plans and execute their duties as assigned in the COVEOP, hazard specific annexes, and support plans. *COVEOP 2021*

UNIVERSAL SECRETARIAT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Have plans or procedures to implement assigned responsibilities within the E042 (2019) Agency Support Plan and the COVEOP
- Have plans or procedures that implement assigned responsibilities according to all supplemental plans and hazard-specific annexes
- Have and maintain emergency action and continuity plans for the response to and recovery from natural or human-caused disaster
- Directing agency area supervisors from applicable division, region, district, or local offices to participate in local emergency planning and become a part of the local or regional emergency management organization as appropriate
- Provide assistance directly to political subdivisions during small, localized events when possible
- Providing personnel to the VEST, as requested, to support ESF operations, technical and subject matter expertise, and provide situational and incident specific information to the VEST
- Promote participation in the Adjunct Emergency Workforce program
- Encouraging and permitting employee participation in training and exercises related to their assigned emergency roles.
- Ensure that emergency management programs and plans provide support to at-risk individuals and populations disproportionately impacted by disasters.



Governor's Cabinet Emergency Management Support



VDEM

Virginia Department of Emergency Management Processes

Prevention/Protection

The Prevention/Protection Framework secures the Commonwealth against acts of terrorism and human-made or natural disasters. Capabilities include: planning, public information and warning, operations coordination, access control, identity verification, cybersecurity, intelligence and information sharing, interdiction and disruption, physical protective measures, risk management for protection programs and activities, screening, search and detection, and supply chain integrity and security.

Preparedness

Preparedness involves activities to develop a secure and resilient Virginia with the capabilities required across the whole community to mitigate the impacts of, respond to, and recover from threats and hazards posing the greatest risk. Activities include planning, refining organizational structures, developing and maintaining agreements and understandings, developing collaborative processes between state and local partners, procuring and maintaining equipment, conducting training, and testing capabilities through exercises.

Response

Response involves the capabilities necessary to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs after an event has occurred. Capabilities include planning, public information and warning, operations coordination, critical transportation, environmental response/health and safety, fatality management services, fire management and suppression, logistics and supply chain management, infrastructure systems, mass care services, mass search and rescue operations, on-scene security, protection and law enforcement, operational communications, public health, healthcare and medical services, and situational assessment.

Recovery

Recovery involves the core capabilities necessary to help communities affected by an emergency to recover effectively. Capabilities include planning, public information and warning, operations coordination, economic recovery, health and social services, housing, infrastructure systems, and natural and cultural resources.

Mitigation

Mitigation involves the capabilities necessary to reduce the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters. Capabilities include planning, public information and warning, operations coordination, community resilience, long-term vulnerability reduction, risk and disaster resilience assessment, and threats and hazards identification.

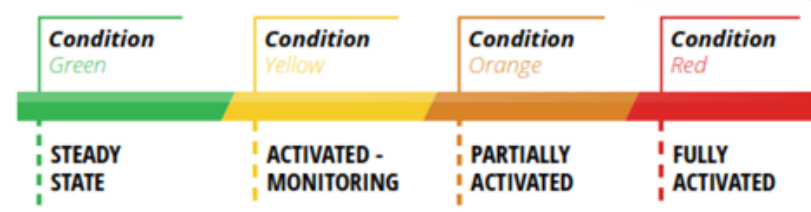


VEST

Virginia Emergency Support Team

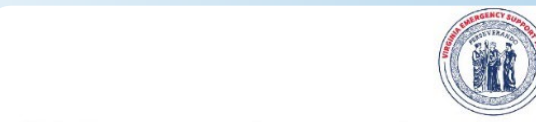
The Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST) stands ready to assist and support our government partners through all types of emergency and non-emergency incidents to save lives, protect businesses, and safeguard property. From hurricanes, flooding, pandemics, tornadoes, civil disturbances, terrorism, and high-profile events the VEST is the Commonwealth's emergency coordination and support mechanism to assist the Commonwealth's regions, counties, cities, Tribes, and localities prepare for, respond to, and recover from notice and no-notice events.

Comprised of more than 300 credentialed members, the VEST draws its staff from all Executive Branch Commonwealth agencies, non-governmental organizations, and private sector companies. (See Figure 1) The VEST is comprised of Command and General Staff and 17 Emergency Support Functions (ESFs). The VEST is activated to meet emergency needs when incidents exceed local capacities, or when incidents span multiple VDEM Regions. The Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST) Organization provides the structure for coordinating state emergency operations and support of affected local governments and businesses. (See Figure 2)



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Widespread Stakeholders add a Layer of Complexity

Supporting **264 Vital Stakeholders**



A Coordinated Approach allows for



In Service to These Stakeholders

*VDEM provides direct assistance to towns with an independent EM program. VDEM provides assistance to all other towns through their respective counties.

Figure 1:
Commonwealth
Emergency
Management
Stakeholders

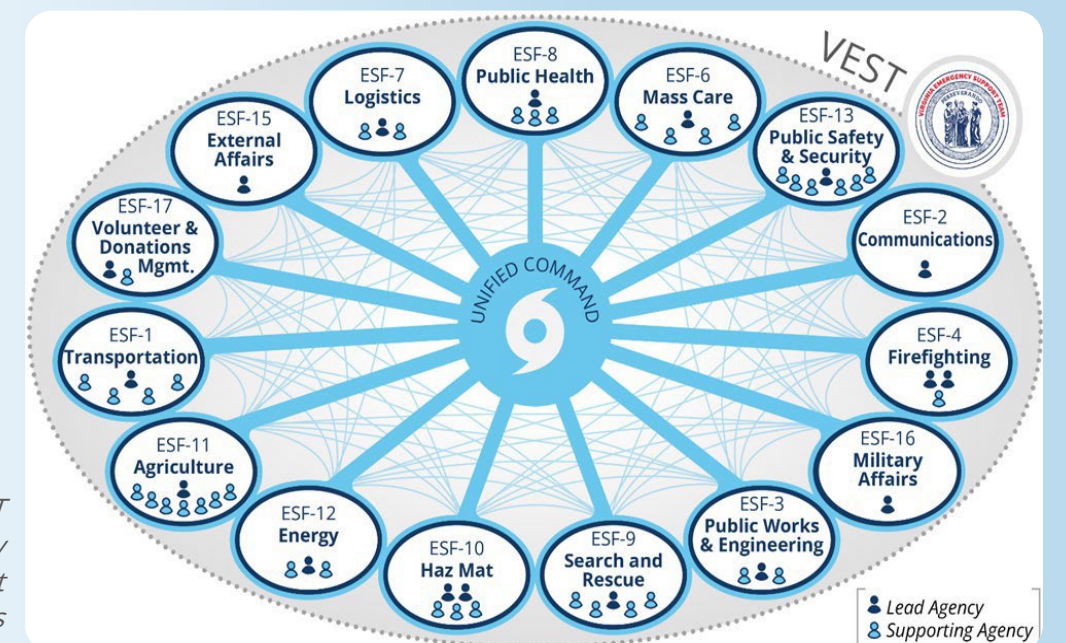


Figure 2: VEST
Emergency
Support
Functions
(ESF)

Figure 3: VEST
Activation Levels

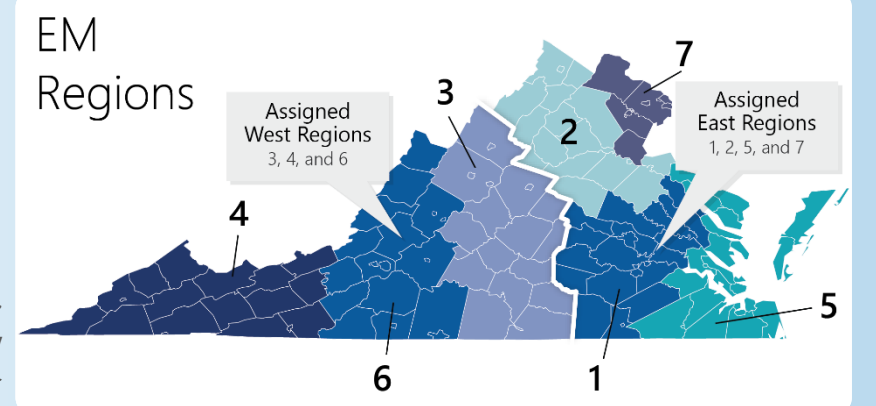


Figure 4:
Virginia's EM
Regions

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